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TAGS: ENRG, JA

SUBJ: OIL CUTBACKS TO JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 15779

SUMMARY: MITI FORECASTS THAT DECEMBER IMPORTS OF OIL WILL  
BE 17.7 PERCENT BELOW PLANNED LEVELS. END SUMMARY

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL DIV. OF MITI'S ENERGY  
AND RESOURCES AGENCY, HAYASHI TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 6 THAT  
MITI HAD SUBSTANTIALLY REVISITED ITS EARLIER ESTIMATES OF CRUDE  
OIL SHORTFALLS. HAYASHI CITED FOLLOWING NEW MITI FIGURES:

	NOVEMBER 1973	DECEMBER 1973
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PLANNED CRUDE OIL IMPORTS	28,031,000 KL	27,635,000 KL
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OIL RECEIVED (NOV.) OR EXPEC-

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TED TO BE RECEIVED (DEC.) ON

ARRIVALS BASIS        22,995,000 KL   27,734,000 KL

PERCENTAGE SHORTFALL        18.0 PERCENT   17.7 PERCENT

NOTE: DECEMBER ESTIMATE BASED ON CALCULATIONS OF SCHEDULE  
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TANKER RUNS.

2. HAYASHI ALSO NOTED THAT ESTIMATES HAD BEEN COMPILED  
FOR JAN-MARCH PERIOD, BUT THAT MITI NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH  
OF VALIDITY TO RELEASE THEM. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT  
MONTHLY CUTBACK RATES, PARTICULARLY IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH,  
WERE PROJECTED TO BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN NOVEMBER-  
DECEMBER FIGURES.

3. PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN (PAJ) (REFINING  
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION), WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSELY CONSULTING  
WITH MITI SINCE PUBLIC CLASH BETWEEN MITI AND INDUSTRY  
REPORTED REFTEL, ISSUED ITS PROJECTIONS ON DEC 7.  
OCTOBER SHORTFALL WAS PUT AT 3.5 PERCENT. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER  
SHORTFALL FIGURES WERE IDENTICAL TO MITI PROJECTIONS. PAJ  
ALSO FORECAST THAT SHORTFALL FOR OCTOBER-MARCH PERIOD WOULD  
BE 19.1 PERCENT, ASSUMING NO FURTHER OAPEC CUTS. JANUARY-MARCH  
CUTBACKS ESTIMATE OF NEARLY 25 PERCENT, WHICH WOULD APPEAR  
CONSISTENT WITH MITI THINKING IN PARA TWO ABOVE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY, AS WELL AS EXXON  
OFFICIALS IN TOKYO, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO  
BELIEVE THAT JAPAN WILL RECEIVE ALMOST SAME AMOUNT OF  
OIL IN DECEMBER AS WAS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER. BOTH  
EMBASSY AND EXXON BELIEVE SOME SLIPPAGE TO ABOUT 20  
PERCENT WOULD SEEM TO BE LIKELY FOR DECEMBER.  
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